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SUBJECT: DRAFT DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
GOVERNING THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING
PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBAT-
ING WAR PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND APARTHEID

REF: (A) STATE 188615; (B) LONDON 9695; (C) PARIS 22047

1. WE PRESENTED INFORMAL AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL
(A) TO UN DEPARTMENT, FCO, AUGUST 13. JOHN SYMONS CON-
FIRMED UK SUPPORT FOR POSTPONEMENT AS REPORTED REFTEL
(B).

2. SYMONS STATED UK POSITION HAS BEEN TO PROCEED ON TWO
PARALLEL TRACKS. FIRST WAS TO HAVE EC UNESCO REPS IN
PARIS PREPARE POSITION PAPER FOR EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS
MEETING COVERING ALL CONTENTIOUS UNESCO ISSUES WITH
PROPOSALS FOR COURSE OF ACTION. SECOND TACK IS TO URGE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALTERNATIVE DRAFT DECLARATION AMALGAMA-
TING FRG AND, HOPEFULLY, U.S. TEXTS. UK DOES NOT CONSIDER
FRG TEXT TO BE SATISFACTORY. SYMONS OUTLINED CRITICISM
REPORTED REFTEL (C). HE MADE ADDITIONAL POINT THAT FRG
TEXT DOES NOT EVEN ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE PREAMBLE, WHICH
UK CONSIDERS TO BE CRITICAL. HE MADE POINT THAT ANY
DRAFT (U.S. OR OTHER) MUST DEAL WITH FULL DECLARATION IF
IT IS TO BE CONSIDERED A VALID ALTERNATIVE. UK SEES
AMALGAMATED TEXT NOT AS A FOCAL POINT FOR A VOTE WITHIN
THE 19TH GC, BUT AS DEVICE FOR CONVINCING M'BOW OF THE
VERY REAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO POSITIONS AND OF
THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF REACHING A CONSENSUS POSITION, WITH
ALL THIS IMPLIES, IF DRAFT DECLARATION IS CONSIDERED AT
19TH GC.

3. ON TIMING SYMONS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OUR APPROACH
WILL SPEED UP PROCESS OF DEVELOPING JOINT EC POSITION.
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THERE ARE TWO UN EXPERTS GROUP MEETINGS COMING UP IN NEAR
FUTURE -- ONE ON AUGUST 27 AND SECOND ON SEPTEMBER 17.
THIS SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE
SECOND MEETING. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT COULD BE
RAISED IN THE EARLIER SESSION, SYMONS SUGGESTED THAT UK
WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE PARIS POSITION PAPER AND THE
HOPED FOR U.S. ALTERNATE TEXT BEFORE THE EXPERTS PRIOR TO
ANY DECISIONS BEING MADE ON COURSES OF ACTION TO TAKE.

HE AGREES WHOLEHEARTEDLY ON U.S. VIEW THAT APPROACHES TO
M'BOW MUST BE PART OF A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN IN ORDER TO
BE EFFECTIVE. HE URGED THAT U.S. CIRCULATE A DRAFT AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH TEXT OF
U.S. ALTERNATIVE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS SOON AS
AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN UK RESOLVE TO URGE
CONCERTED EC APPROACH TO MAAUEA IN SUPPORT OF POSTPONEMENT
OF CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT DRAFT DECLARATION BY THE 19TH
GC.

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